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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 4 December 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Programme of work

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	74th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [48]

(a) Report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa (A/56/45)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/371)

(c) Draft resolution (A/56/L.28)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.27

2. Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

   (a) Trade and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.36, L.35, L.38 and L.49

   (b) International financial system and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.33 and L.44

   (d) External debt crisis and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.32 and L.43

3. Environment and sustainable development [98]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.10 and L.48

   (b) International strategy for disaster reduction

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.12 and L. 46

4. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [101]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.29

5. Globalization and interdependence [105]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.34 and L.47

6. High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development [107]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.31 and L.45

   Action on draft decisions I and II contained in Chapter VII, Section A, of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development on its resumed third session (A/56/28)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 3

Organization of work

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 and Corr.1, A/56/7, A/56/16, A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1 and A/C.5/56/11/Rev.2))

2 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 122 and 123 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 and Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/56/289 and A/56/7/Add.1)); 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2002 (A/C.5/56/2 and A/56/511) and Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2001 (A/C.5/56/4 and A/56/518)); and 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Honorariums (A/56/311))

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* Following the adjournment of the 32nd meeting of the Second Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Office accommodation at Nairobi
2. Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa
3. Report of the Economic and Social Council: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.6
4. Administrative matters

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (a) (Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (a), organized by the delegation of Sweden, will be held *today*, 4 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room B. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 35 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies)

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 35 *today*, 4 December 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 20, organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held *today*, 4 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B. All delegations are invited to attend.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 4 December 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room 2: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.16/Rev.1 (item 98 (e)), from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 8: A/C.2/56/L.26 (item 96 (a)), from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.9 (item 98 (d)), from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Room S-2963D: A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1 (item 98 (c)), from 12 noon. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.14 (item 99 (b)), from 1.15 p.m. to 2. 45 p.m.;

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/56/L.41 (item 98 (f)), from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.2 (item 95 (c)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/56/L.37 (item 95 (a)), from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.39/L.40 (item 102), from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bob F. Jalang'o (Kenya), *today*, 4 December 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 4 December 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.26)

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 98 (c) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa); and on the World Summit for Sustainable Development)

11 a.m. - 12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(briefing on the outcome of International Environmental Governance-IV and agenda sub-items 98 (a) to (g))

1.30 p.m. - 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee) today*, 4 December 2001, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Core Group of the Group of 77 on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme under agenda item 98 (Environment and sustainable development), organized by the delegation of Kenya, *today*, 4 December 2001, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) will hold the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services *today*, 4 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Permanent Mission of Germany (The German House, 871 United Nations Plaza, 22nd Floor). For further information, please contact UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Informal meeting

There will be a meeting of the Group of Least Developed Countries, organized by the delegation of Bangladesh, to discuss the draft resolution on least developed countries, *today*, 4 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7.

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Informal meeting

There will be a meeting of members of national parliament attending the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, *today*, 4 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The Secretary-General will address participants at 10 a.m.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 5 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	75th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	76th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]; plenary meetings devoted to volunteering to mark the closing of the International Year of Volunteers:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/288)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.27)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 33 (Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 33, organized by the delegation of Greece, will be held on Wednesday, 5 December 2001, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations of the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (c) (Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster), followed by informal consultations on the draft resolution on the economic assistance to the Eastern European States affected by the developments in the Balkans, under agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions), organized by the delegation of Ukraine, will be held on Wednesday, 5 December 2001, at 6.15 p.m. in Conference Room E. All delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Thursday, 6 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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The Chairperson of Working Group II of the Disarmament Commission dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) invites all delegations to an informal meeting to be held on Friday, 7 December 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Friday, 7 December 2001, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be informal consultations to prepare negotiations on the consolidated text of the International Strategy for Action on Ageing (3-7 December 2001). The next informal consultations will be held on Wednesday, 5 December, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

The resumed session of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will be held from 10 to 14 December 2001.

The consolidated text of the International Strategy may be viewed and downloaded on the Web site of the United Nations Programme on Ageing at the following address: (<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/ageing/waa/strategycons.doc>). Copies of the text are also available outside of the office of Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1370).

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1259), no later than Friday, 7 December 2001.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following consultations with delegations, the Facilitator for the International Conference on Financing for Development, Mr. Mauricio Escanero, has scheduled the release of the revised draft outcome document of the Conference for Thursday, 6 December 2001, at which time it will be posted on the Financing for Development Web site (<http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)* on Wednesday, 5 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)*, on Wednesday, 5 December 2001, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of their International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday to Thursday, 10 to 13 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at United Nations Headquarters.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 5 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 19 December, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, an outline of activities and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. Members from United Nations agencies are also encouraged to apply. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 11 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Monday, 3 December 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency>.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: <http://www. un.org/ga/president>. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: <http://www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373>; <http://www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm>; <http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373>; <http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373>; <http://www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373>; <http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html>.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: <http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org> *or* <http://www.un.int/indonesia>.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: <http://www.un.int/belgium>.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 30 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 53rd meeting

Advancement of women [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.22

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Australia orally revised the text and announced that Burkina Faso, India, Jamaica, Samoa, the Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania and Vanuatu joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ghana, Haiti, Honduras, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Saint Lucia, Somalia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [113]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.80

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador) informed the Committee of the outcome of consultations on the draft resolution.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 113.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.43/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China) made a statement.

Costa Rica, Mexico and Uruguay joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 116 to 3, with 42 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Algeria, Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand) and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and Benin.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.64

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the representative of Egypt.

Jordan, Lesotho, Mauritius and Somalia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 109 to 44, with 10 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Canada (also on behalf of Australia, New Zealand, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein), and the United States.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Benin, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Sudan.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.69/Rev.1 and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/56/L.81

The Committee was informed that the programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/56/L.81 also pertained to A/C.3/56/L.69/Rev.1.

A statement was made by the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Benin and Sierra Leone joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.71

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the revisions made to the text at the time of introduction of the draft resolution.

The representative of Mexico further revised the draft resolution.

Lesotho and Swaziland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Bolivia and Singapore.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.50

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Chairman read out the oral revision that had been made to the text at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Belgium announced that Albania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Yemen and the Islamic Republic of Iran, as well as by the representative of Suriname, who withdrew as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 71 to 53, with 41 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and China; statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Chile, the Philippines, the Bahamas, Brazil and Suriname.

A statement was made by the representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with regard to his vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.58/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium and the Sudan.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 82 to 34, with 45 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of China, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Cuba; statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Suriname and the Bahamas.

A statement was made by the representative of Canada.

A statement was made by the representative of the Sudan on a point of order.

54th meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

Action on draft decision A/C.3/56/L.79

The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement in connection with the draft decision.

Following statements by the representatives of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Senegal, the Committee adopted the draft decision.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.55 and programme budget implications in A/C.3/56/L.78

The Committee was informed that a statement on programme budget implications was contained in A/C.3/56/L.78.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the text at the time of its introduction.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Myanmar, Viet Nam and China; after the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representative of India, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.56/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 88 to 2, with 66 abstentions.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by representatives of Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo; a statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Bangladesh.

55th meeting

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.57

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral corrections that were made to the text at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Belgium announced that Latvia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 91 to 3, with 55 abstentions.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Iraq and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Tunisia and Egypt; statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Algeria, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Bahamas, the Russian Federation and Cuba.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.82

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.82 submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 119 (c).

Advancement of women [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.20/Rev.1

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran orally revised the revised draft resolution and announced that Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the Programme Planning and Budget Division, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, read out an oral statement in connection with the oral revisions that had been made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 112.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.59

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Algeria announced that Ecuador and Guatemala had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, El Salvador, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Algeria, the Russian Federation, Turkey, India, Peru and Mauritania.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 84 to none, with 64 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Chile, Canada, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and Argentina.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Liechtenstein and Japan.

A statement was made by the representative of Benin.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.67/Rev.1

The Secretary of the Committee read out an oral statement on conference servicing implications in connection with the revised draft resolution.

The representative of Mexico orally revised the text and announced that the Islamic Republic of Iran had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution. Subsequently, Bangladesh and Jordan joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the revised draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Canada and Australia.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Draft biennial programme of work of the Committee for 2002-2003 (document A/C.3/56/L.75)

The Chief of the Documentation Programming and Monitoring Unit of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services introduced and orally revised the document, which was then adopted.

Oral draft decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of the report of the Economic and Social Council, contained in document A/56/3, in particular chapters I, III, IV, V, VII (sections A, B, C, and I) and chapter IX, which were allocated to the Third Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 12.

Suspension of the work of the Committee

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda (on behalf of the Group of African States), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Malawi (on behalf of SADC), Cuba, Haiti (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Canada, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic (on behalf of the Group of Asian States), Benin and Egypt.

The representatives of the United Kingdom and New Zealand also spoke.

Monday, 3 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

72nd plenary meeting

The situation in the Middle East [42]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/480, A/56/642)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.23, A/56/L.24)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 42.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Turkey, Jordan and Nepal.

The meeting was suspended.

72nd (resumed) plenary meeting

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A/56/L.23 and A/56/L.24.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/56/L.23 (recorded vote) (resolution 56/31)	130	2	10
Draft resolution A/56/L.24 (recorded vote) (resolution 56/32)	90	5	54

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Argentina and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union).

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Hungary, Australia, Cuba and Brunei Darussalam.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 42.

Question of Palestine [41]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestine People (A/56/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/642)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.19, A/56/L.20, A/56/L.21, A/56/L.22)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 41.

Statements in explanation of before the vote were made by the representatives of Israel and the Russian Federation.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A/56/L.19, L.20, L.21 and L.22, as orally revised.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/56/L.19 (recorded vote) (resolution 56/33)	106	5	48
Draft resolution A/56/L.20 (recorded vote) (resolution 56/34)	107	5	47
Draft resolution A/56/L.21 (recorded vote) (resolution 56/35)	153	4	3
Draft resolution A/56/L.22 (recorded vote) (resolution 56/36)	131	6	20

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Papua New Guinea, Canada, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Australia, New Zealand, Norway, Denmark, Paraguay and Germany.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The observer of Palestine made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 41.

73rd plenary meeting

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [48]

(a) Report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa (A/56/45)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/371)

(c) Draft resolution (A/56/L.28)

The President made a statement.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the African Group) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.28.

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of the Holy See in the debate on agenda item 48.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, India, South Africa, Togo, Singapore, China, Norway, Egypt, Pakistan, Ghana, the Republic of Korea, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), the United States and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 31st meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of chapters I, VII, (Sections B and C) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/56/3).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

The Chairman of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board introduced the report of that Committee (A/56/289).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/7/Add.1).

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to refer consideration of this question to informal consultations under agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003).

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2002

The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/C.5/56/2.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/511).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Norway, Mexico, Australia and India.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Tuesday, 4 December, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Eduardo Ramos (Portugal), Rapporteur of the Committee.

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2001

The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/C.5/56/4 and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/518).

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Tuesday, 4 December, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Eduardo Ramos (Portugal), Rapporteur of the Committee.

Programme budget implications of draft resolutions

The Committee had before it statements submitted by the Secretary-General on programme budget implications of draft resolutions contained in documents A/C.5/56/13, A/C.5/56/15, A/C.5/56/21, A/C.5/56/16 and A/C.5/56/18.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/644) regarding document A/C.5/56/13 and orally introduced the other related reports of that Committee which were circulated, and requested that his statement be fully reflected in the summary records of the Fifth Committee.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.47: Illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects (A/C.5/56/13 and A/56/644)

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, China, Canada, Cuba, Mexico and South Africa.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Following the general discussion on programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.47, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Canada, South Africa and China.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division and the Chairman of the Committee also made statements.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.6/Rev.1, as orally revised: Preparations for the substantive preparatory process and the Second World Assembly on Ageing (A/C.5/56/15)

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Japan, Australia and Canada.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.31: Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (A/C.5/56/21)

No statements were made on this question.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.26: Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (A/C.5/56/16)

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, India and Japan.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/56/L.7: Special session of the General Assembly on children (A/C.5/56/18)

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, China and Canada.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Organization of work

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Ratification: Benin (30 November 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Czech Republic (30 November 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Accession: Uganda (30 November 2001)*

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998

Acceptance: Cambodia (30 November 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (3 December 2001)

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. New York, 23 May 1997

Accession: Saudi Arabia (30 November 2001)*

Entry into force: 30 December 2001, in accordance with article 30 (1) of the Agreement.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Geneva, 3 September 1992

Ratification: Uganda (30 November 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Ratification: Norway (29 November 2001)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Accession: Colombia (30 November 2001)*

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Ratification: Uganda (30 November 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special tribute to Mr. Ismat T. Kittani

There will be special tribute to the memory of Mr. Ismat T. Kittani, former President of the General Assembly, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and senior Iraqi diplomat, *today*, 4 December 2001, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, with the participation of the Secretary-General. All attending are kindly requested to be seated in the Chamber by 11.45 a.m.

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International Volunteer Day

On Wednesday, 5 December 2001, International Volunteer Day, at 12 noon, immediately following the adjournment of the 76th plenary meeting of the General Assembly, an informal segment of the General Assembly marking the closing of the International Year of Volunteers 2001 (IYV), to be presided by the President of the General Assembly, will take place in the General Assembly Hall. The event will be held in connection with the two plenary meetings of the General Assembly, which will be devoted to volunteering as decided by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/57. Guest speakers will include His Royal Highness Prince of Asturias, D. Felipe de Borbon of Spain, and Dr. Nafis Sadik, former Executive Director of UNFPA, both appointed IYV Eminent Persons by the Secretary-General. Closing remarks will be made by the Secretary-General. The special event will be Webcast live at the following address: <http://www.un.org/webcast/events/iyv>. Information and documentation can be obtained on the official Web site for the International Year (<http://www.iyv2001.org>). For more in-formation, please contact Ms. Yuko Osawa at United Nations Volunteers (tel.: (212) 906-3634).

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Human Rights Day

A forum on "The Media's Impact on Today's United Nations Anti-Discrimination Agenda" will take place on Thursday, 6 December 2001, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4. This event, held as part of the regular DPI/NGO briefing programme in observance of the Human Rights Day, will feature Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights; Lakhdar Brahimi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan; Hafez Al Mirazi, Washington Bureau Chief, Chief Editor of News, Al Jazeera; Steve Williams, Senior Editor, BBC World News; Larry Register, Vice-President of Special Projects, CNN; Mathatha Tsedu, Deputy Chief of News, South African Broadcasting Corporation; Abdel Bari Atwan, Editor-in-Chief, Al Quds Al-Arabi; and Barbara Crossette, Correspondent, New York Times. Shashi Tharoor, Interim Head of the Department of Public Information, will be the moderator of the forum. The event is organized by the Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of the non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Laufey Love, Public Affairs Division, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-3507) or Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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Special event

In support of the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC), will hold a special meeting on the theme "Music, Culture, Technology and Healthcare" on Thursday, 6 December 2001, from 2.15 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be among the participants. Further information can be obtained at the following Inrernet address: <http://www.un.org/events/dec_6htm>. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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International Year of Mountains

The global launch of the International Year of Mountains 2002 will take place on Tuesday, 11 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The former President of the Swiss Confederation, H.E. Mr. Adolf Ogi, will preside. Welcoming remarks will be made by H.E. Mr. Murari Raj Sharma, Vice-President of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, will make an address on behalf of the Secretary-General. Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, will deliver a keynote address on the International Year of Mountains. Brief statements will be made by H.E. Mr. Kurmanbek Bakiev, Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, and Mr. Diego García Sayán, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru. Mr. Nitin Desai will moderate a round table discussion, followed by a debate, on "Three Conditions for Sustainability in Mountain Development". Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
United Republic of Tanzania
H.E. Mr. Daudi Ngelautwa Mwakawago

Asian States:
Turkey
H.E. Mr. Mehmet Ümit Pamir

Eastern European States:
Latvia
H.E. Mr. Gints Jegermanif (designated)

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Jamaica
H.E. Miss Mignonette Patricia Durrant

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Dr. Yehuda Lancry

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